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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MARINE LABORATORIES MARCH 2, 2015 WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING WASHINGTON, D.C.

Whereas the National Association of Marine Laboratories (NAML) is a nonprofit organization of member institutions representing coastal, marine, and Great Lakes laboratories in every coastal U.S. state and Bermuda;

Whereas NAML member laboratories conduct research and provide a variety of academic, education, and public service programs to enable local and regional communities to better understand and manage the ocean, coastal, and Great Lake environments;

Whereas the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) has recently published two important reports that contain recommendations for the National Science Foundation (NSF) that will directly impact the long term health of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes research and field stations and marine laboratories that undertake such activities;

Whereas those NAS reports, *Sea Change: 2015-2025 Decadal Survey of Ocean Sciences*; and *Enhancing the Value and Sustainability of Field Stations and Marine Laboratories in the 21st Century*, have been presented to the NAML membership through in-person briefings by the co-chairs of the respective NAS committees responsible for these reports;

Whereas NAML's priorities articulated in the FY 2016 NAML Public Policy Agenda, adopted by the NAML membership via the passage of this resolution, have been informed and influenced by these important reports;

Resolved, that the National Association of Marine Laboratories:

1. Endorses the recommendations of *Sea Change: 2015-2025 Decadal Survey of Ocean Sciences*; and *Enhancing the Value and Sustainability of Field Stations and Marine Laboratories in the 21st Century*;
2. NAML also expects NSF to implement those recommendations giving consideration to NAML's priorities as described in NAML's FY 2016 Public Policy Agenda
3. The President of NAML shall transmit the sense of this resolution and FY 2016 Public Policy Agenda to all appropriate Federal decision makers, the membership of NAML, and other interested parties.